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ORE OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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1. At the EPB meeting of 30 November 1949, the AD/ORE presented for discussion the subject "Basis for a Definition of National Intelligence".

2. While no definitive resolution of this question resulted, the following general conclusions were reached:

a. The present definition of "national intelligence" as contained in NSCID #3 (quoted below) is inadequate in that it defines "national intelligence" only partially and inaccurately and not at all in terms of the levels to which it is addressed.

"1 e. National Intelligence

(1) National intelligence is integrated departmental intelligence that covers the broad aspects of national policy and national security, is of concern to more than one Department or Agency, and transcends the exclusive competence of a single Department or Agency or the Military Establishment.

(2) The Director of Central Intelligence shall produce and disseminate national intelligence.

(3) The Director of Central Intelligence shall plan and develop the production of national intelligence in coordination with the IAC Agencies in order that he may obtain from them within the limits of their capabilities the departmental intelligence which will assist him in the production of national intelligence.

(4) The Director of Central Intelligence shall, by agreement with the pertinent Agency or Agencies, request and receive such special estimates,

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reports, and periodic briefs or summaries prepared by the individual Departments or Agencies in their fields of dominant interest or in accordance with their production capabilities as may be necessary in the production of intelligence reports or estimates undertaken mutually."

b. In addition to "national intelligence" the following categories of intelligence are required to be produced in ORE, namely:

- (1) Operational intelligence in support of OSO and OPC.
- (2) Intelligence in fields of common concern which can be more effectively produced centrally.
- (3) Corrective intelligence required to neutralize the effect of departmental intelligence or policy or planning proposals which are based upon faulty or demonstrably inaccurate estimates.
- (4) Intelligence research, not otherwise available, required for use in the production of national intelligence estimates.

c. Not all intelligence produced by ORE under b (4) above should necessarily receive publication and dissemination.

2. In further consideration of the basic question raised at the 30 November meeting, there has been circulated to each member of the EPB a draft proposal, subject "Development of an Integrated Intelligence Production Program".

3. This study is an outgrowth of the AD/ORE directive to all producing components on 14 March 1949, IPB Notice #3 of 24 August 1949, and CIA [] of 19 September 1949. It is presented at this time not for substantive review by the EPB, but solely as a demonstration of a principle in production planning which may provide the basis for arriving at a more precise definition of "national intelligence" in relation to all other categories of intelligence required in support of national intelligence production. The study is organized as follows:

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a. Attachment #1 sets forth, for the consideration and action of the DCI, certain principles upon which the production of integrated national intelligence may proceed.

b. Attachment #2 is designed to apprise the NSC of the DCI's position with respect to the production of coordinated national intelligence; to request confirmation of this position; and to initiate NSC guidance for national intelligence production programs.

c. Tab A of attachment #2 is believed to be the first document of its kind prepared by a US Government intelligence agency. This concept is number one of a series of four steps which are now felt necessary for the production of coordinated national intelligence on the Far East. Tab B constitutes, in draft form, step two. Step three will consist in the approval or modification of Tab B by the IAC, and in the allocation by that committee of fields of production to the participating agencies. Step four will entail the development and implementation, by each participating agency, of a specific program of production to fulfill its responsibilities as determined in step three.

d. It should be noted that Tab A is presented for the official approval or modification of the NSC. Tab B (a draft) is included merely for information, because its detailed consideration by the NSC is impractical, and because it has not yet been coordinated within ORE.

4. Tab B of the draft will be submitted for EPB action after each of the Divisions having collaborative responsibilities has had an opportunity to review the Plan and reach agreement with FE/Pac on their respective responsibilities in connection with it.

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